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JASDF officers learn Air Force-style logistics

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Ten company grade officers from the Japan Air Self Defense Force received tours, briefings and hands-on training covering U.S. Air Force logistics as part of a one-week Logistics Familiarization Course here this week.

The students learned about Air Expeditionary Force experiences, providing host-nation support, similarities and differences between the U.S. Air Force and JASDF logistics programs, joint exercises with U.S. Forces-Japan/5th Air Force and family support structures available to Airmen and their families.

“This course is not only to teach JASDF officers the U.S. Air Force-style of logistics, we are also getting valuable feedback from the students,” said Maj. Robert Davis, 5th Air Force logistics. “We receive feedback as action items that can bring real and measurable benefits, like learning if we are duplicating our efforts or discovering better ways to do business. This can bring savings in money and efficiency.”

If the course is received favorably, it could also be instituted at Kadena and Misawa Air Bases.

“If the reviews are favorable, and teaching at Misawa and Kadena courses go well, there is a possibility that JASDF bases will host courses for U.S. Air Force Airmen, creating a mutual exchange program,” said Major Davis. “Our plan is to offer the course one to three times a year with no more than 10 students in a class – if it’s picked up permanently.”

The JASDF students for the pilot course included nine captains and one first lieutenant from the aircraft maintenance, supply and transportation career fields. They traveled to Yokota Air Base from Fuchu, Iruma, Jujo and Hyakuri Air Bases.

“We are training company grade officers because they are the ones who run the day-to-day operations as flight commanders,” said Capt. Robert Crable, 5th Air Force.

As part of the training, students learned about the family

support structures the U.S. Air Force provides its Airmen and their families.

“The JASDF does not have family support structures such as an Airman and Family Readiness Center or Child Development Centers like we do,” said Captain Crable. “We are taking time this week to have a discussion about this because of how important these structures are to families whether service-members are deployed or at home station.”

Information about AEF deployments was also discussed in order to share experiences.

“I am briefing the students about my experience in AEF deployments,” said Capt. John Saunders, 5th Air Force logistics. “With more and more JASDF troops deploying in support of operations in Iraq, this is important information that can help them when they deploy.”

The course offered students the opportunity to tour the 374th Maintenance Squadron, 730th Air Mobility Squadron and 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron facilities, to include the Engine Regional Repair Center. Rounding out the program, JASDF



Staff Sgt. Michael Flossic, 730th Air Mobility Squadron, demonstrates the Digital Technical Order System to 10 Japan Air Self Defense Force officers during a one-week logistics training course.

students also had hands-on training with aerial port equipment and aircraft loading.

We want to make sure the students get every opportunity to interact with their counterparts so we arranged lunches with the Yokota Company Grade Officers’ Council and Logistics Officers Association, said Captain Crable.

JASDF students also received an opportunity to talk directly with Gen. Bruce Wright, 5th AF commander, during the pilot program. “General Wright taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with the students demonstrates just how important this program is to the command,” said Major Davis.

Off base parking violations will cost violators



image provided by 374th Security Forces Squadron

Example citation for an off-base parking violation.

New policy in effect, includes penalties for not paying fine

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Members of Yokota Air Base will have to be very aware of where they park off-base as a new policy by Japanese police went into effect on June 1.

According to the 374th Security Forces Squadron, previously there was a several minute “grace period” when the Japanese police initially identified an illegally-parked vehicle.

This was usually marked by a police officer with a chalk outline of the tires, then returning and issuing a citation if the vehicle hadn’t moved.

The new policy states that

there is no longer any grace period. Illegally parked vehicles are cited by the parking wardens as soon as they are found.

According to Security Forces, in order to enforce the policy, Japan recently hired about 1,600 contract surveillance workers who are now authorized to check for parking violations and place stickers on the offending vehicles. These workers will check for illegally parked vehicles in designated areas, such as train stations, shopping areas and business districts.

“When a person receives a fine, they are responsible for taking the ticket to a Japanese

police station, where he will pick up a form to pay the fine at a local Japanese bank,” said Richard King, 374th SFS.

“The fine will cost around 15,000 to 18,000 yen depending on where the car was parked, although fines can be as high as 25,000 yen.”

If the vehicle owner does not pay the fine, then they will not be able to re-register the vehicle when the Japanese Compulsory Insurance and inspection date are due.

The local land office will check to see if there are any outstanding parking fines, and if so, won’t allow the vehicle to be re-registered.

Mr. King says the excuses of “I didn’t do it,” or “I don’t know who parked my car illegally,” won’t work under the new system.

“A registered car owner of an illegally parked car will be liable to pay the fine even if the person who parked the car can not be identified,” said Mr. King.

“Off base citations will haunt you on base as well,” he said.

According to Mr. King, the wing’s policy with traffic citations states any person who receives three parking violations on or off base in a 12 month period will not be able to use of a vehicle for 60 days.

'Heart Link' spouse orientation program

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is now taking sign-ups for the Heart Link program scheduled for July 6. This program was originally designed for new spouses, but is open to anyone stationed overseas who would like to attend.

Spouses who are interested in learning more about Air Force customs, protocol and available support resources are encouraged to register for the course.

"We are inviting seasoned spouses to join us throughout the day as well for the new spouses to chat with and learn from," said Celina Dugas, 374th Mission Support Squadron community readiness technician.

"Our hope is that we can create a fun atmosphere where everyone is comfortable asking questions and spouses can leave the program feeling confident and aware of how important and vital they are to the Air Force mission."

In 2001, the Air Force directed implementation of a spouse orientation program called "Heart Link." The program is designed to strengthen young military families' abilities to adapt to the military lifestyle.

Spouses are a critical part of the Air Force team and families can directly enhance our mission readiness.

The overall objective of the program is to increase retention of members in the Air Force by increasing spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol and support resources and services available to them. This will enable spouses to make better use of the community resources supporting them and their families.

The theme, Heart Link, was chosen to reinforce the belief by many that the

spouse is the heart of the Air Force.

The spouse plays a central role in the mental, emotional and physical well-being of the sponsor.

They link and support the family during deployments and separations, and are often considered key to personal preparedness and mission effectiveness.

The spouse also participates in reenlistment decisions - decisions which ultimately impact retention.

Heart Link was designed as a fun interactive program with games and incentive gifts. The wing commander or vice-commander welcomes the spouses and upon completion of the program, presents each spouse with a "Spouse Coin."

The program is six hours long and includes lunch and snacks throughout the day as well as free childcare to participants courtesy of the Air Force Aid Society.

The day's activities include:

- ⇒ mission brief
- ⇒ the Air Force and where you fit in
- ⇒ introduction to the Air Force family
- ⇒ Tool Kit for Preparedness
- ⇒ communicating with in the Air Force
- ⇒ healthy families
- ⇒ your vital importance to the Air Force family

Throughout the day spouses will also be briefed by agencies such as finance, Military Personnel Flight, Family Advocacy and the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The program is sponsored and supported by the base Community Action Information Board, Integrated Delivery System team, volunteers and the Air Force Aid Society.

The class scheduled for Thursday is from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club. All participants must register to attend. For more information call 225-8725.

Checking it out



photos by Airman 1st Class John Albea

Above, Staff Sgt. Allan Rice, 374th Maintenance Squadron, inspects the turbine section of a T56-15 engine. The inspection is one of the final steps before the engine is ready to be installed on the C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Right, Staff Sgt. William Sarvello, 374th MXS, takes a close look at the gear box of a T-56-15 engine. Each part of the engine must go through a series of periodic inspections to ensure the engine is running at top performance. The engine flight here is the only repair shop in the Pacific Air Forces that can service the C-130 engines.



Combat Readiness Detractors; helping the one percent 'get it'

A captain was charged with three specifications of Article 133, Unprofessional Relationship. This member was found to have inappropriate relations with three enlisted members' spouses. Punishment consisted of a Forfeiture of \$2,251 pay per month for two months, that portion in excess of \$500 pay per month for two months suspended.

A master sergeant was charged with two specifications of Article 93, Maltreatment and one specification of Article 134, Indecent Language. The member was found to have committed maltreatment and sexual harassment against his subordinates. Punishment consisted

of a reduction to technical sergeant and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant was charged with three specifications of Article 134, Indecent assault. The member committed indecent acts with a person other than his spouse. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of Article 112a, Wrongful use of Amphetamines. This member wrongfully used Amphetamines. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-3, suspended reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Nihon-go now

⇒ **July 4 is an American holiday.**

Shich-gatsu yokka wa Amelika no shukujitsu desu.
(shee-ch-gah-t-soo yoh--kah wah ah-meh-lee-kah
noh shoo-koo-jee-t-soo dess.)

⇒ **We celebrate with fireworks.**

Watashitachi wa hanabi de iwaimasu.
(wah-tah-shee-tah-chee wah hah-nah-bee deh ee-
wah-ee-mah-soo.)

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Joint force additional first sergeant training

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Senior enlisted Airmen from the U.S. Air Force and Japan Air Self Defense Force received additional duty first sergeant training last week to learn important skills required to be a first sergeant.

Two instructors travelled from the Air Force First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to teach the one-week Additional Duty First Sergeant course to 52 students at Yokota Air Base.

"On average we conduct eight regional additional first sergeant seminars around the Air Force each year," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Fuller, one of the first sergeant instructors teaching the seminar.

The overall goal of the seminar is to train and prepare senior noncommissioned officers to fulfill key leadership roles as a first sergeant when the need arises. Training covered many topics useful to someone in a first sergeant role to include the Air Force Fitness Program, family care planning, financial responsibility, referral agencies, preventive discipline, nonjudicial punishment, the article 15 process and working with security forces were just some of the areas covered.

"Some units are not authorized a diamond wearing first sergeant, or units need someone to fill in when the first sergeant deploys or is on leave," said Sergeant Fuller, one of only six instructors at the First Sergeant Academy. "We train senior non-commissioned officers to fill those duty requirements and teach them how to provide their

leaders with the information they need to make decisions that will impact their enlisted personnel."

Chief Master Sgt. Catherine Barker, 374th Airlift Wing command chief said, "This is great training for the wing to ensure our acting and additional duty first sergeants are further developed and prepared to support our commanders on issues that affect our people and ultimately mission success."

"Students were identified as top SNCO's by their commanders and current first sergeant to attend the seminar," said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Price, the director of operations for the Air Force First Sergeant Academy and also an instructor for the course. "The First Sergeant Academy started teaching the additional duty first sergeant course in 1996, however this was the first time ever teaching members from the JASDF."

Ten students in the course included senior enlisted leaders from JASDF and Chief Master Sgt. Ryuichi Kanomat, JASDF command chief. "JASDF recently implemented the command chief master sergeant and first sergeant programs and are mirroring the U.S. Air Force structure," said Chief Kanomat, who is the JASDF equivalent to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

"As senior enlisted leaders we need to take care of our enlisted members and we can learn from these opportunities while keeping the relationship between the U.S. Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defense Force strong," said Chief Kanomat.

Chief Barker agreed, "We are extremely fortunate to have senior enlisted JASDF



Photo by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

Senior enlisted Airmen from the U.S. Air Force and JASDF received additional duty first sergeant training last week to learn the skills required to be a first sergeant. Chief Master Sgt. Ryuichi Kanomat, JASDF command chief, (right) was in attendance. The JASDF is implementing a first sergeant program and came to Yokota to learn how the Air Force program works.

members and their top enlisted, Chief Kanomat, join us for the seminar as we continue to build on our bilateral relationship with Japan."

U.S. Air Force senior enlisted members in attendance found the course beneficial as well. Master Sgt. Nicole Jackson took the course because she was recently tasked as an additional duty first sergeant for 5th Air

Force, one the units on base without a first sergeant slot.

"This training is very valuable," said Sergeant Jackson. "I have already been an acting first sergeant a couple of weekends now and this information would have been helpful to know. I feel better prepared now to handle situations that might arise with the foundation and tools the course provided."

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Chief's Corner

What SNCOs must do for Airmen

By Chief Master Sgt. Michael Atkinson
374th Airlift Wing Inspector General

Airmen are often told what to do, when to do it and how to do it. Some Airmen need this guidance more than others, but we all need some degree of guidance. Yes, even Chiefs, but at a much lesser degree. Today, I would like to turn the tables and make Airmen more aware of senior non-commissioned officer responsibilities and share a short educational story with you.

First, I encourage all Airmen to become very familiar with the following publications: Air Force Basic Doctrine, Air Force Core Values, The Enlisted Force Structure, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide and any of the numerous books written about leadership. Why? Because a SNCO's primary responsibility in the Air Force is to lead and manage Airmen in accomplishment of the mission. We must translate our leaders' direction into specific tasks and responsibilities Airman can understand and execute. Moreover, we must build professional relationships with company grade officers, striving to create the most effective leadership teams to accomplish the mission.

As leaders, we must routinely recognize not just the top performers, but also the many others who are competently doing their jobs with good attitudes. We must make continuous efforts to thank Airmen during the morning, throughout the day and before the end of your shift. This is an important part of taking care of Airman. Acts of gratitude contribute to your psychological health. We must greet everyone we see on and off duty as well. After all, we are more than a military team, we are a family.

Additionally, we must use humor to amuse, not abuse. Generally we must be willing to tell jokes or even embarrassing stories about our own mistakes in order to let others know that we are human, that we err, and that we are willing to admit it. Being relaxed and humorous with people, yet not using humor to belittle Airman, will contribute to a positive atmosphere.

We SNCOs must also exceed Air Force standards and expectations and must be active and visible leaders. We must develop Airmen into better leaders and supervisors. In addition, we must deliberately grow and prepare Airmen, NCOs, and SNCOs into the enlisted leaders of the future.

In wrapping up SNCOs responsibilities; keep in mind that they must recognize all Airmen for their good efforts, use humor to amuse, not abuse and exemplify standards. For instance, speaking of standards reminds me of the short story I promised. This story takes us to the Yokota Enlisted Club on any given Friday where Airmen meet at a function called "happy hour." So, on this given Friday I was in the club sipping on my cranberry juice and enjoying the music when Staff Sgt. "Kool," a male, walks into the club wearing an earring.

Now, we all know the Air Force prohibits the wear of earrings by males on military installations. So here's the test. Who should tell Sergeant Kool he can not wear an earring on an Air Force installation?

- The person checking club cards at the entrance.
- His wingmen.
- The old chief sipping on cranberry juice.
- All of the above.

If you selected option "D," then you are absolutely correct. But this story is not just about the earring, but about all the things you might see happening around us that are wrong. The moral of this story is: "In big things, as well as in small things, always do the right things."

By the way, the old chief sipping on the cranberry juice did not visit the club on an Air Force Standards Patrol, but came there to relax amongst fellow professionals and talk with troops while enjoying the evening.

July 4th: More than a Holiday ... Celebration of Freedom

By Gen. Paul V. Hester
Commander, Pacific Air Forces

This Fourth of July marks the 230th anniversary of the day 56 brave patriots signed the Declaration of Independence – the document that marked the birth of our Nation. Those early Americans knew that this declaration was only the beginning of a long struggle for freedom and independence. Since that day, regardless of the challenges, proud Americans around the globe have steadfastly defended the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

On Independence Day we celebrate the birth of America – a nation that has stood for freedom from its very first day. We are a nation that will send generation after generation of our young people to fight for the liberties of millions of people around the world. From Valley Forge to Bastogne to Fallujah, Americans have answered the call and gone in harm's way for freedom.

Today, the men and women of Pacific Air Forces hold the torch of freedom's defenders high for all to see. Far from America's shores and the places we call "home," your service and dedication to our Nation is exemplary. Patriots know no generation ... know no century ... they stand for freedom and defend it proudly.

As Lynda and I celebrate this Independence Day, our thoughts and prayers, and those of a grateful nation are with you ... AMERICA'S FINEST MEN AND WOMEN! May God bless you all and may He bless our great Nation!

Mission demands highest ethical code, standards

By Lt. Col. Edward Rimback
742nd Missile Squadron

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFPN) – Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The true measure of a man is not how he behaves in moments of comfort and convenience, but how he stands in times of controversy and challenge."

Daily we make decisions that challenge us to distinguish right from wrong. The great majority of these decisions are clear and uncomplicated, while others involve a great degree of soul-searching.

The Air Force's mission demands we apply the highest degree of ethics or our mission effectiveness will degrade. Retired Gen. John Jumper, former Air Force chief of staff, said a person creates a new lower standard when they walk past a problem and don't actively address the situation.

Our leaders, peers and subordinates expect nothing more than an honest attempt to do the right thing, to make the right call during moments of controversy and challenge. Our duties are too important to do otherwise. Our mission can only be performed by

professionals who possess the highest ethical standards. It's those standards that ensure we do our duty even when the times get tough.

As military members, we serve as "trusted agents" of the American public. As such, we are challenged to apply the highest level of ethical behavior in the performance of our daily tasks and duties. Behaving ethically is a way of life that promotes ideals such as honesty, integrity and trust.

We've heard it all before. Do the right thing; don't lie, don't cheat, don't steal. They are simple rules to live by, but standards that are demanding and near impossible to maintain if a person does not truly commit to them. Ethics and the art of being ethical aren't as simple as processing a demand and response checklist. Rather, they are a way of life shaped by our upbringing, life experiences, role models and spiritual beliefs.

So, when you see something wrong, do the right thing and correct it. Be the guiding light that promotes the highest ethical standards.

The American public maintains an unwavering trust in every Airman to do the right thing each and every day. Let's not disappoint them.



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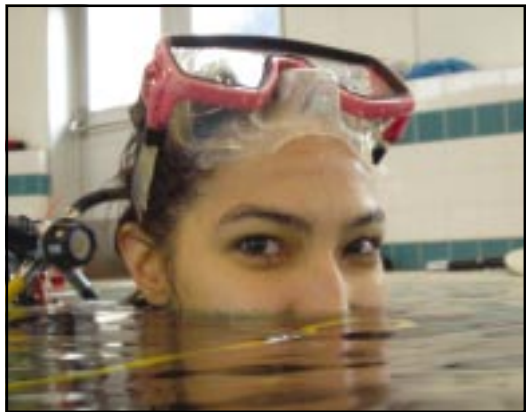
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Yokota group is 'Finatical' about ...



By Jennifer Hensley
Fuji Flyer contributor

Imagine spending your weekends and vacations submerged under water, breathing through a tube and dodging sharks. For a group at Yokota, it's a dream come true.

Members of the scuba diving club, the Finatics, live to spend their free time under water. With more than 30 members and counting, scuba diving at Yokota Air Base is fast becoming a very popular pastime.

The history of the club dates back to about 1994 but legend has it that scuba lovers at Yokota have been meeting for about 15 years. When they found a permanent home in a small shack located in the shadows of an airplane hangar, the rest, as they say, is history.

According to club president William Vickers, they provide a much-needed outlet for servicemembers and their families stationed here at Yokota. "Scuba diving is a positive outlet for energy and it's a portable skill. You can take what you learn under water just about anywhere."

Affectionately known to club members as the "Commodore," Mr. Vickers assumed the role as president of the Finatics about three years ago. "I feel very fortunate to have an organization like ours here at Yokota. Not only do we have a permanent meeting place but we have a place to store and maintain our gear. Our members are like family."

Indeed, they are. Although they come from all walks of life – different branches of active duty and civilian service – they all share the same passion: diving. The group travels to local dive spots on a fairly regular basis and they plan two or three large trips a year to exotic locations like Fiji, Thailand and Saipan, a tropical island just north of Guam.

While some members are experienced divers, others are just enthusiastic about exploring the depths of the ocean. "We have members as young as 12," said Mr. Vickers. "But

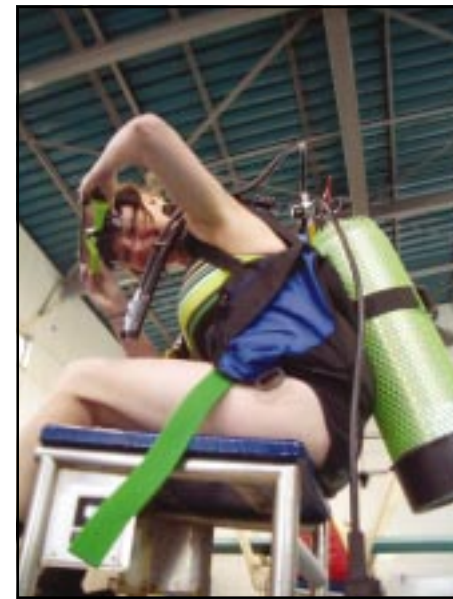
mostly everyone is here because they all share a love of diving."

Being certified as a diver is not necessarily a prerequisite for club membership. Several times a year, the club teaches an open water course so that anyone interested in scuba diving can learn the basics. Preparation takes place in a classroom and the Natatorium. Once students have completed the first phase of instruction, they head out to Japan's Izu Peninsula, located just southwest of Tokyo, for hands-on training.

Mr. Vickers says there are two requirements wannabe scuba divers must possess: the ability to swim the length of the pool and back, and a genuine interest in diving. "Scuba diving is something you have to really want to do," he said. "Your heart has to be in it."

Although dive standards remain the same worldwide, getting gear locally tends to be quite expensive. Lucky for them, Finatics stick together. "We have developed a network of members. It helps when we need equipment, or a recommendation for a dive spot in another location," Mr. Vickers stated.

If you're "fanatical" about scuba diving and want to learn more about the club, stop by their headquarters located in Bldg. 909, next to hangar 907 or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yokotafinatics/> to contact club members.



photos by William Vickers

Students take the Basic Open Water scuba diving course through the Finatics dive club. To get dive certified and pass the course students have classroom instruction, skills work in the pool and then open water diving in the ocean. Top left, Justina Jensen rests between skills training in the pool. Top right, Andy Walker submerges in the deep end of the pool and gives the "A-OK" sign indicating all of his gear is functioning properly. Above left, students take the required written exam to pass the course. Above right, Sarah Mountain prepares to do a backroll into the pool simulating boat entry into the ocean.

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Off base

31st Hamura Natsu Matsuri:

The city of Hamura is hosting its annual summer festival July 29 from 3 to 8:30 p.m. on the east side of JR Hamura Station. The festival includes a dance parade, samba contest, booths and more. Volunteers are also needed to help run a cotton candy booth for the Hamura-Yokota Friendship Club. E-mail ryo-nozaki@mtf.biglobe.ne.jp.

Japanese Iris Festival: The Fukiage Shobu Park is hosting this festival through Aug. 2. More than 100,000 bulbs will be in bloom. It is a 15-minute walk from JR Ome Line's Higashi-Ome Station.

Spring Rose Festa: The Jindai Shokubutsu Park is hosting this festa through Aug. 2. It includes a competition and numerous displays. Call 042-482-2300.

On base

Movies

Today – *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Lucky Number Slevin*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Akeelah and the Bee*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Silent Hill*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Akeelah and the Bee*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *X-Men: The Last Stand*, PG-13, 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *The Wild*, G, 2 p.m.; *X-Men: The Last Stand*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, PG-13, 7 p.m. (adults only)

Thursday – *X-Men: The Last Stand*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Pre-deployment

A pre-deployment briefing is held every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Call 225-3347.

Commissary hours

The commissary is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Independence Day.

Japanese class

An adult education lunch-time Japanese language class is being offered from July through September. Beginner classes are held Wednesdays and Thursdays. Intermediate classes are Tuesdays. The cost is \$10. Call 225-7337.

Hispanic heritage

The Hispanic Heritage Committee* needs volunteers to help plan and organize heritage month activities. Call 225-4146.

Volunteers needed

The Yokota Players* need musicians and stagehands for its upcoming productions "Nunsense" in August and "Mikado" in November. Musicians should contact snookyphillips@yahoo.com, and stagehands should send an e-mail to shakespearengopt@yahoo.com.

Drivers' education

Youth age 16 and older can register for the drivers' education course at the Taiyo Recreation Center. The cost is \$300 for the full course, \$50 for the road test only, and \$175 for drivers' practice and road test. Call 225-6955.

Tanabata Dancers

Learn to perform traditional Japanese dances with the Tanabata Dancers. Practices are held Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Tower 2085. E-mail tanabata_dancers@hotmail.com.

Airmen's Attic

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airmen's Attic to staff the store and sort through donations. Call MSgt Brown at 225-7338.

Bundles for Babies

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center offers an educational program for couples expecting a baby on July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. It includes topics such as infant care, budgeting, and selecting a caregiver. Call 225-8725.

Homeschool group

The Yokota Homeschool Group hosts monthly meetings, field trips and more during the school year. Send an e-mail to yokotahomeschoolers@hotmail.com.

Tuition assistance

The Base Training and Education Services Flight is accepting Air Force spouse tuition assistance applications for Term I from July 3 to 21. Call 225-7337.

Heart Link

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting Heart Link, a briefing that helps new military spouses better understand the military and base, on July 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Red Cross training

The local American Red Cross chapter is offering a standard first aid class July 8, and a community first aid and safety class July 15. Classes are first come, first serve. Call 225-7522.

Japanese cooking

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting Japanese cooking classes July 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and July 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Yokota Singles

A free coffee and snack bar is hosted for singles here Fridays beginning at 7 p.m. in the building behind the Traditional Chapel. A free dinner and Bible discussion is hosted there also Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call 225-7009.

Origami class

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting an Origami, or Japanese paper-folding, class July 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Neighborhood watch

Base residents are needed to participate in this program that helps reduce crime. Volunteer and help protect the community. Call 225-7244.

SANDBOX WARRIOR



OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Carl James Tauyan

Staff Sgt. Carl James Tauyan, 374th Mission Support Squadron, is this week's Sandbox Warrior of the Week, for exhibiting the Bushido qualities of a sense of justice and honesty, and sympathy toward all people.

He recently returned from a four-month deployment on third-country national duty. Sergeant Tauyan conducted numerous checks, searches and security escort duties. He also volunteered more than 50 hours to teaching Tae Kwon Do and 16 hours to boxing lessons at his deployed base. Sergeant Tauyan also organized an international "Fight Night" there, with more than 1,000 people in attendance. Additionally, he helped raise \$4,000 in scholarship money for the children of a fallen fellow Airman.

MDG hotline

Community members with ideas or suggestions for the medical facilities on base can e-mail 374mdg.cs@yokota.af.mil or call 225-4719.

Deployed dinner

Families with deployed members are invited to an Asian dinner at the Airman and Family Readiness Center July 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet with other families of deployed spouses. Call 225-8725.

Money management

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering "It's Your Move," a 10-module class about money management. Sessions are available July 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28. Call 225-8725.

Spouse employment

If you are a military spouse and would like assistance searching for a job, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Classes are available to help you get started. For more information email tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel offer Bible studies Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the base library. The group is also offering summer studies in addition to its regular semester courses in the fall. Call 225-7009.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel
Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel
Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

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“Quotes” & Things

“Yes. I’m proud to be an American”

Steve Foster, Reds Pitcher,
when asked at
Canadian customs if he
had anything to declare

Softball: Men’s intramural softball is playing tonight at Wilkins Field from 5:30 to approximately 8:30 p.m. Men’s and women’s is playing Wednesday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Wilkins Field. A women’s game is July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the same field, and men’s and women’s games are July 7 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Marathon: The Pacific Air Forces is sponsoring two men and two women to run in the Air Force marathon. The runners with the fastest times and experience will be selected. Runners must submit an AF Form 303 and turn it in the Samurai Fitness Center sports department by July 7. Call 225-8881.

Circuit training: Morning Madness circuit training is held at the Samurai Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Call 225-8322.

Fit Mom: Mothers who are with child can attend this class, held Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Natatorium. Exercises include walking in water, hydracircuits, swimming and walk activities. Call 225-8322.

Eye health: Regular eye check-ups should be done every one or two years up to age 65, then annually after that age. If patients wear glasses, have diabetes or show early signs of other eye problems, exams may be more frequent. Call 225-8864.

Warriors football loses big to Kadena

Mistakes prove costly at Homecoming

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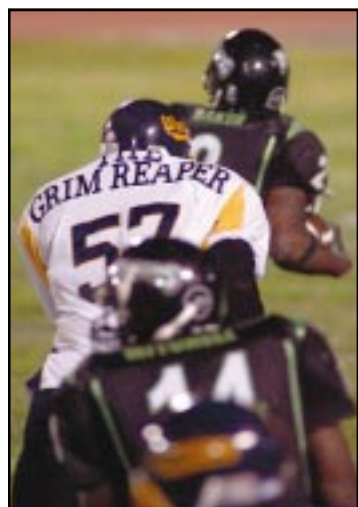
The Yokota Warriors had a nightmare of a game in front of a vocal Homecoming crowd Saturday night at Bonk Field against Kadena and wound up on the wrong side of a 39-0 loss.

The game marked the first time Kadena and Yokota met, as this season is Kadena’s first in the U. S. Forces-Japan – American Football League.

Yokota only had themselves to blame for the loss as self-inflicted mistakes were the order of the night during the Warriors’ 15 penalties and four turnovers killed them.

“It’s always a challenge playing an opponent for the first time because you have to make adjustments on the fly,” said assistant coach Jonathan Pitts. “The coaching staff is retooling and making the necessary adjustments for the next game at Yokosuka.”

The game started well for Yokota as the defense picked up where they left off against Atsugi in the last game at Bonk Field. The Warriors held the Kadena Dragons’ offense on the first two drives and forced punts.



Unfortunately, the Warriors offense didn’t fare much better and exchanged punts with Kadena.

The Warriors’ defense held strong and forced a fumble on Kadena’s next series stopping a good drive from the Dragons on the Yokota 30-yard line.

Energized from the turnover, the offense started moving the ball down the field and closed the first quarter on the Kadena 30-yard line.

The drive stalled as Kadena’s defense stiffened and sacked quarterback Bruce Turner then took control of the ball at the 30.

The Dragons promptly took the ball and marched down the field helped by a personal foul by Yokota to put the Dragon’s in prime scoring position.

Once again, the defense came up big for Yokota as the Dragon’s were on the goal line, but they coughed up the ball and Yokota recovered.

On the ensuing possession, Yokota quickly moved the ball to the 20 with a couple of good runs by Kevin Hill. Then yellow fever descended on Yokota as with two consecutive penalties killed the momentum pushing the team back inside the 10.

Kadena’s defense took advantage of the field position and pressured Turner out of the pocket and in the end zone where he was hit from behind knocking the ball loose. Kadena came out on top of the scramble for the ball to put the first points on the board with 2:48 left in the half.

The miscues continued for Yokota as they took the resulting kickoff and drove down the field to put themselves in scoring position, but a fumble by John Knight on Kadena’s 30-



photos by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Atkinson

Above, Yokota Warriors’ running back Bobby Boone tries to get through three Kadena Dragons in the game at Bonk Field on Saturday night. Below, Deion “The Grim Reaper” Williams gets a Dragon in his sight. The Dragons were able to elude the Warriors throughout the second-half and cruised to victory 39-0.

yard line ended the scoring threat with 1:30 left in the half.

The Dragons didn’t waste any time and marched down the field. With 10 seconds left in the half, they split the defense down the middle with a short pass for a touchdown to take a 14-0 lead at the half.

Yokota started the second half with it and methodically ran the ball moving the chains down the field.

Offensive penalties halted the drive and the team was forced to punt.

The Warriors’ defense stepped up to the challenge to keep the team in the game and crushed Kadena’s ensuing drive keeping Kadena off the board the rest of the third quarter.

At the start of the fourth, Yokota had another stalled drive and punted the ball, which Kadena returned for a touchdown – essentially killing the game.

After that score, the Warriors never looked the same and despite the crowd’s support,

Kadena put up 18 more points in the fourth to win the game 39-0.

“This is our first home loss in more than two years, so it stings badly,” said Coach Pitts. “We made a ton of mistakes throughout the game and you just can’t win football games committing so many penalties and missing so many tackles. We used this non-conference game to get a lot of players some time on the field.”

One note, Joe Howell was honored at halftime for his work with the league. Howell was instrumental in the forming of the league in 1999 and even served as its commissioner in 2004.

The current league commissioner gave a decree at halftime that the defensive player of the year award would be now be known as the “Big” Joe Howell Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Yokota’s next home game is Saturday, July 8 at 6 p.m. against Misawa.

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